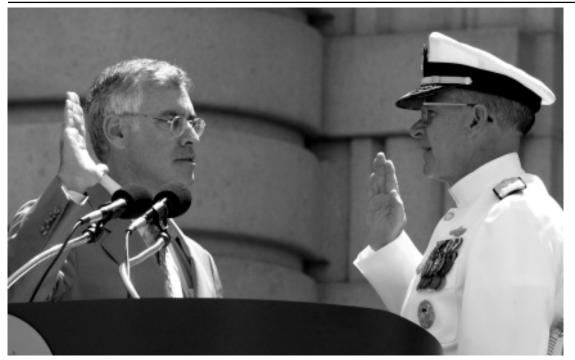
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Annapolis, Md., July 21...

ADM Vern Clark is sworn in as the 27th Chief of Naval Operations by Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig during a change of office ceremony at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Clark relieved ADM Jay L. Johnson. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Tim Altevogt. See story.

From CNO Washington Subj/Assuming the watch

Yesterday I relieved Admiral Jay Johnson as Chief of Naval Operations. Under Admiral Johnson's leadership, our Navy has established a stellar record of mission accomplishment in combat and peacetime operations. His inter-deployment training cycle reform and his efforts to improve quality of life for Sailors will benefit our Navy for a long time to come. Admiral Johnson has done great things for our Navy, and we are going to build on his legacy.

My vision for our Navy is simple. We are the greatest Navy in the world, and we are going to get even better.

The way ahead involves focusing on the fleet; organizational speed and agility; commitment to our proven strengths and values; and commitment to our people as the Navy's most important resource.

The Navy starts with the fleet. Although there is more to the Navy than the fleet, the fleet must be the center of our thinking and action. We have many significant challenges to deal with in fleet readiness, and we will meet these head-on.

Planning, organizing, and modernizing for the future requires quick and agile response to change. New circumstances demand that we think and act in new ways at every level of the Navy-from work center to Navy headquarters. Time and tide wait for no one.

People join and stay in the Navy for a wide variety of rea-Continued on Page 5

Naval Support Activity to hold Change of Command **Aug. 11**

The Naval Support Activity will hold a Change of Command Aug. 11 starting at 10 a.m. at the building 14 Special Events Forum.

During this ceremony, CAPT Thomas Steffen, the first Commanding Officer of NSA, will turn over the command to CAPT (Sel) David A. Higgins.

The keynote speaker will be RADM Christopher W. Cole, Commander, Navy Region, Mid-Atlantic.

Other highlights of the Change of Command ceremony include participation by the Presidential Navy Color Guard from Commandant, Naval District, Washington, D.C.

Steffen will depart NSA to assume duties as the Deputy Commander for International Programs, Naval Inventory Control Point, Philadelphia.

Higgins comes to NSA after serving as the Executive Officer of the Navy Petroleum Office, Fort Belvoir, Va.

This period in history

Aug. 5, 1882 - Beginning of "modern Navy." First steel warships authorized.

Navy activities to begin A-76 studies

The Department of the Navy recently issued a formal notification to Congress of its intent to conduct Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 competitions on 5,511 positions.

The announcement includes 1,569 positions at six Naval Supply Systems Command activities. The affected activities are the Naval Inventory Control Point, Philadelphia and Mechanicsburg, Pa., sites; Fleet and Industrial Supply Center San Diego, Calif.; FISC Puget Sound, Wash.; FISC Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; FISC Norfolk, Va.; and FISC Jacksonville, Fla. The announcement also includes positions at detachments of FISC San Diego, FISC Puget Sound, FISC Norfolk, and FISC Jacksonville.

The functions to be studied include retail supply at the FISCs; the Navy Integrated Call Centers at FISC San Diego and FISC Norfolk; administrative and clerical support at NAVICP; and systems design, development, and programming services at NAVICP.

The first step in the A-76 study process will be to form commercial activity study teams at each activity. Employee representatives will be included on study teams. The teams will develop performance work statements and management plans.

Ultimately, the government's in-house proposal will be compared with the best-value private sector proposal. The cost comparison will result in either implementation of the most efficient organization for continued in-house performance or contract performance by the bestvalue private sector source.

The competitions are scheduled for completion two years from official start date.

Career employees affected by a conversion to commercial contract will be given maximum assistance in continuing their federal careers through reassignment to other positions in the Department of Defense or other agencies. Affected employees will also be given the right of first refusal for employment openings under the contract in positions for which they are qualified.

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Labor and state employment services will assist employees in locating positions in private industry or retraining programs to qualify them for jobs available in local labor markets.



CDR Benson honored...

CDR Andrew L. Benson receives the Meritorious Service Medal (Gold Star in lieu of Third Award) in a recent ceremony conducted by RADM Keith W. Lippert, the Commander of the Naval Supply Systems Command. Benson was honored for his service as FISC Programs Officer in NAVSUP from August 1998 to April 2000.

ERP & what it means to the future work force

By Jody Kann

Change is evident everywhere today and especially within the Navy. There is the pressure to continue to carry out the mission of providing quality supplies and services in the face of budget and personnel reductions and increased competition from the private sector.

In addition, we are now faced with the need to develop and design new business processes, employee skills, and the tools needed to fill the gaps. An example of the changing work force is illustrated by the fact that the Naval Supply Systems Command work force has gone from 26,000 in 1988 to 8,592 in 2000 and is expected to decrease to 5,230 in 2005. This is directly related to the 45 percent decrease in the number of ships within the Navy from 573 in 1988 to 315 in 2005.

The decrease in work force can be attributed to many things, but more importantly we've lost ground to the changes in industry and IT that help cope with doing many of the same things with fewer

The Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project is in part a response to doing things "smarter" by designing and modifying current business processes. EDS has been hired to work with the Navy to deal specifically with the issue of Change Management.

Change Management is defined as "the process of bringing the right people together to discuss the real issues in real time, assisting them to reach agreements that lead to action and improving the probability of successful implementation."

An organization's inability to deal with change has often

been cited as a major cause of ERP failure. In light of this, the ERP staff along with Deloitte Consulting has developed a change management plan that includes a communications strategy to create awareness, understanding, and eventually commitment and action of the ERP project and what it will mean to the future work force.

One of the byproducts of reengineering business processes is a changing workplace due to the identification of new job skills. This will not be accomplished without growing pains, because change, and specifically business process changes directly affect the daily activities and behaviors of employees. For instance, a warehouse worker who previously managed inventory spreadsheets could now be forecasting customer demand Continued on Page 4

Naval Supply Systems Command

What's SUP

Best wishes to Diane Townsend, who has been selected to become General Counsel at Naval Air Systems Command.

Congratulations to Master Chief Ted Kyle, who has been selected to be AIRLANT Master Chief.

Welcome to CDR John Pirmann as he reports to SUP 91.

Congratulations to Mary Anne McMillan of SUP 02 on her recent marriage.

Speedy recovery wishes to Tracy Evans-Qualls of 09PA following recent surgery.

If you have news for this column, please send an e-mail to Barbara Pearce, SUP 09PA.



Service honored...
CDR Frank A. Lindell
receives the Meritorious
Service Medal (Gold Star
in lieu of Second Award)
from RADM Keith W.
Lippert, the Commander
of the Naval Supply
Systems Command.
Lindell was honored for
his service as Food Service
Director, Support
Services, NAVSUP, from
June 1998 to July 2000.

Understanding SUP's Developmental Opportunity Program

By Jody Kann

The Naval Supply Systems Command Developmental Opportunity (DevOpp) Program was launched three years ago with the July 1997 release of the DevOpp Policy memo. This policy supports the Secretary of the Navy's Civilian Leadership Development Program and allows activities to offer developmental assignments to individuals so that they may match the assignments to their own development needs.

LisaRae Glessner, a Fleet Material Support Office employee who completed a DevOpp in NAVSUP Code 05's Food Service Department said, "Developmental Opportunities are a wonderful way to broaden your knowledge base, meet new people, and see first hand how other offices operate. It's a program that not only allows you to increase or refine your skills, but it also allows you to gain a greater understanding of other operations performed on this base."

DevOpps are available in activities throughout the NAVSUP claimancy and are

designed to improve performance, increase productivity, broaden perspective and experience, enhance managerial and technical skills, and increase awareness of NAVSUP's diverse mission requirements.

DevOpps are entirely voluntary and are open to those individuals who meet the prerequisite requirements. They are also subject to approval from their respective command. Civilian Workforce Planning Office (CWPO)'s web site contains a link to the Developmental Opportunities Clearinghouse, which lists various DevOpp opportunities for employees within the SUP claimancy.

To access from the NAVSUP home page, select Personnel, Workforce 21 and DevOpp Clearing House. This site allows you to view assignments by category, name or location and also includes a list of the various points of contact at each activity for DevOpp submissions or questions. In addition, a link is provided to DLAMP Rotational Assignments.

Each activity received the guidelines for the program and was given the authority to use them "as is" or to modify them at their local level. For example, Sarah Schappell from FMSO recently announced that they have made some modifications to their program with the help of several FMSO employees who were DevOpps themselves.

If you find a DevOpp that you are interested in, you can obtain the required forms by contacting the point of contact listed on the web site. If you are a FMSO employee, you can find those forms on the FMSO Information Bulletin Board.

The DevOpp Program has been shown to be a useful program benefiting both employee and sponsoring activity. Betsy Haldeman, a FMSO employee who recently completed a DevOpp in CWPO said, "There are many positive attributes to the program, but I believe the most important is that everyone involved can get something out of the program. The employees broaden their networking base and enhance

their visibility, the activity offering the DevOpp realizes the labor of the employee as well as any new and fresh ideas brought to their organization and the employees' activities gain revitalized, reenergized employees. The DevOpp program is the epitome of a 'winwin' situation!"

Bonnie Armstrong, Director of CWPO who has had the opportunity to sponsor a variety of DevOpps in her office, said, "CWPO has truly been blessed with some exceptional Dev-Opp experiences this last year. We have hosted seven employees from FMSO and Headquarters in a variety of functions and the relationships have been meaningful and synergistic. The DevOpp experience is an ideal way to revitalize and refresh everyone's skills and get the work done!"

So if you are looking for an opportunity to gain new skills, learn about another organization or network with others, check out the above mentioned web site and take control of your career!

Mechanicsburg Defense Activities Multicultural Day Wednesday, Sept. 13 Time: 11a.m. - 1 p.m.

Place: Between Bldgs. 310 and 311

Multicultural Day is going to include exhibits, entertainers, cultural attire, artists, and ethnic food. Details for this special event will be provided in future Suppliers and posted on the NAVICP Bulletin Board.

ERP

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and making critical business decisions. The challenge of ERP is not so much getting acceptance and "buy-in" but to help employees deal with fundamental job makeovers.

The Civilian Workforce Planning Office (CWPO) is addressing the subject of the changing work force. They have issued a claimancywide Next Generation Workforce (NGW) data call in three parts dealing with staffing, skills and diversity. This vehicle will be used to identify the "as is" work force in these three areas, the "to be" work force of 2005, and how each activity plans to fill gaps between the two. The portion of this data call most directly related to the issue of ERP and the changing work force is the identification of new job skills created by an ERP implementation. Education and training will become extremely important as organizations rush to get the right people with the right skills at the right time.

Finally, as we progress with the ERP pilot, you may be asking "what's in it for me?" There are numerous benefits, both tangible and intangible for employees, the team as a whole and our customers. Some of the overall tangible benefits of ERP include inventory reduction, productivity improvements, IT cost reduction, on-time delivery, and increase in sales, which is the source of our payroll budget!

The majority of intangible benefits fall into two categories, Information and Customer responsiveness and flexibility and include increased quantity of information, improved quality and integrity of information, better use of that information and improved access to it, and the ability to respond better and more quickly to customer needs.

Some examples of what this means to the employee are faster document processing time, shared data, easily accessible status of orders and claims, more time to analyze data, and visibility into corporate skill requirements. What this means to the team is standardized business processes, the ability to make better business decisions, reduction in inventory, improved customer service, cycle times shortened, lower total cost, improved productivity, the ability to stay competitive, and an improvement in quality. What this means to the customer is that they can expect the same high quality products faster and at a lower cost, there will be more information available to them and they will enjoy a better relationship with Navy personnel who will now be proactive and in-control instead of reactive and not able to focus on root cause problems.

For info on the pilot study or ERP, visit www.navsup. navy.mil and select ERP.

Compoundwide A DAY OF DIVERSITY Arts. Crafts & Food

DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

The food and craft concessions will be responsible for their own sales. NAVICP will not assume responsibility or liability in case of injury or damage. Spaces must be staffed for the entire time of the show. Display space size will be approximately 12X12 feet and will be assigned on a first-come, firstserved basis. Events are planned from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendor set-up will start approximately 9 a.m. Confirmation of setup time/space assignment will be provided one week before the show.

REGISTRATION, along with check/payment of \$15 for each space plus \$5 for electricity, is to be submitted to one of the following no later than Wednesday, Aug. 23. Checks are to be made payable to the U.S. Treasury. Sorry, NO REFUNDS.

CHARLES SPLAWN, CODE 0212.13, X4262, (BLDG 410) THURSTON T. HENRY, CODE 05834.23, X5011, (BLDG 410, BAY F-18)

For off-base vendors, our telephone prefix is 605-extension. Address: Naval Inventory Control Point Attn: (Name, Code, Building of a committee person

5450 Carlisle Pike

listed above)

P.O. Box 2020
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-0788
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vendor supplies own set-up (tables/ chairs, etc.)
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SIGNATURE OF VENDOR:
DATE:

Roesner becomes Fleet Material Support Office CO

CAPT Michael S. Roesner became the 24th Commanding Officer of the Fleet Material Support Office in Change of Command ceremonies held Aug. 2here at the Navy installation.

Roesner took command following duty as the Deputy Commander for Ships and Submarines at the Naval Inventory Control Point - Mechanicsburg.

Born in Flint, Mich., Roesner enlisted in the Navy in 1969, serving in VA-44 and VF-126 before his selection for training as a Riverine Patrol Advisor. After six months at Naval In-Shore Operations Training Center, Mare Island, Calif., he

served in various locations, primarily with the 3rd Coastal Zone Advisor Group in the Mekong River Delta, Republic of South Vietnam.

Roesner earned his baccalaureate degree in accounting and marketing from Northern Michigan University and was commissioned via the Aviation Officer Candidate School in August 1975.

In November, he transferred to the Supply Corps and completed the Basic Qualifications Course in June 1976. Roesner earned his master of science degree from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1982. He completed the Executive Training Curriculum at the Univer-

sity of Michigan in 1997.

His sea tours as a commissioned officer include Supply Officer, Antarctic Development Squadron 6 (VXE 6); Supply Officer, USS *Harry E. Yarnell* (CG 17); and Supply Officer, USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70).

Roesner's shore tours include Navy Stock Fund Budget Officer, Naval Supply Systems Command, Washington D.C.; and Deputy Commander for Aviation, Naval Inventory Control Point, Philadelphia.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), and various cam-

paign/unit ribbons.



CAPT Roesner

Assuming the watch

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sons. But whatever the reason, our profession is about service. In all that we do, we should live and breathe service to country, to fellow citizens, and to each other.

We prize leadership as the foundation for mission success in our profession. I expect every Navy leader to uphold the highest standards of leadership - that's a given. As shipmates and colleagues in service, we are bound by a voluntary covenant to our country and to each other, up and down the chain of command. As part of that covenant, leaders promise respect, clear direction, meaningful work and the tools and training to do that work, recognition for a job well done, and opportunity for personal and professional growth. The measure of any leader is the extent to which he or she fulfills that promise.

All Navy leaders - from petty officer to admiral - must remain committed to our people. We will be a Navy that

holds quality of service for our people -Sailors (enlisted and officer) and civilians - as a top priority in readiness and mission accomplishment. Quality of service is a balanced combination of quality of life and quality of work. We have done much to improve quality of life, and we will continue to do so. We will likewise work hard to improve quality of work. Quality of work means having proper tools and facilities, excellent training, and the opportunity for personal and professional growth.

In a nutshell, this is who we are: credible, combat-ready, forward-deployed naval forces, manned by well-trained Sailors motivated by a sense of mission and a desire to serve, committed to their Navy as their Navy is committed to them. We sail anytime, anywhere as powerful representatives of American sovereignty.

I am truly honored to serve with you, and look forward to working the challenges ahead.

Admiral Vern Clark sends.

Defense Enterprise Computing to hold Customer Conference

Defense Enterprise Computing Center (DECC) Mechanicsburg is sponsoring its fifth annual Customer Conference at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center from Aug. 15-17.

RADM Keith W. Lippert, Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command, will be the keynote speaker.

Other conference presenters are John Garing, DISA Western Hemisphere Commander; CAPT Will Short, Commanding Officer of DECC Mech; Janel Zawatski, SSO Mechanicsburg Director; Tim Adams, STARS PMO; and Dr. Barquin, BAI, Inc.

All customers to whom DECC provides service, or are serviced by DECC detachments at Chambersburg, Charleston, Jacksonville, Norfolk, Puget Sound or San Diego, have been invited to attend.

The three days of meetings

are filled with a wide a variety of topics that affect nearly every one of DECC's customers, according to planners. These topics include financial methodology, software releases, and DECC Mechanicsburg's Strategic Plan.

The agenda and registration form are accessible on the World Wide Web at www.westhem.disa.mil/ ~ W E P / a g e n d a / agenda_1.html.

Preregistration for the conference is required.

Fax the completed registration form to the DECC Mechanicsburg Customer Service Branch at Ext. 4785.

Local bus service from the base to the conference will be provided. The bus schedule can be found at the above web site.

For additional information contact Terry Quinn, Ext. 2797, or Cheryl Stevens, Ext. 6592.

Fund-raising is underway for needy kids' party

Fund-raising efforts for the benefit of this year's Children's Christmas Party for youngsters from families with limited means is underway.

Sponsored by the Mechanicsburg Federal Employees Leadership Association, the party is being helped by a variety of food and other sales. FMSO 92 is holding a book sale on an ongoing basis in building 409 in the Garden Lounge, and FMSO 97 is holding one in building 407, bay F-19.

A Golf Tournament is set for Sept. 22. POC is Dave Czarnecki, Ext. 4944.

Tickets for a Friends Help-

ing Friends discount shopping event at Boscov's Oct. 17 are now available for \$6 each. POC is Cyndi Beaver, Ext. 4512.

Other fund-raisers are planned. Watch for information in work areas and on various bulletin boards.

Kathie Staller, chair for the 2000 party, reminds employ-

ees that they may make contributions to the party anytime at the on-base office of the Members 1st Federal Credit Union.

"Just let the teller there know that you would like to make a contribution to the Children's Christmas Party," reports Staller.

Telecommunications capacities upgraded

In April 1997, the Base Communications Office along with information technology (IT) professionals from the major commands formed the Infrastructure Modernization Team to develop a modernization plan for the base telecommunications infrastructure.

The team developed requirements to facilitate a campus LAN configuration and expand the copper and fiber facilities for future growth and services. Reputable vendors were invited to submit design and construction proposals for review and approval.

Resident commands and activities contributed over \$600,000 toward the initial phase of construction. In October 1999, GSA awarded a contract to Government Telecommunications, Incorporated (GTI) and Bell Atlantic, and construction began May 15 of this year.

Requirements for the final phase of construction are complete, contract negotiations are in process, and contract award is expected before Sept. 30.

The original members of the Infrastructure Team were Gary Steele, Fleet Material Support Office; Brambley, Defense Information Systems Agency; Wes Dennis and Mike Foote, Naval Inventory Control Point; Fred Marlowe and Bob Neibert, Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna; Greg Wert, Defense Security Assistance Development Center; John Reese, Naval Support Activity; Frank Artnak and John Steely, Naval Sea Logistics Center; Lou Colonna, Naval Supply Systems Command; and Ruth Cover and

Yvonne Whisenant, Base Communications Office.

Later the following members joined the Infrastructure Team: Rick Faust, Lori Martino, Terry Hibbard, Kenneth Corso, and Michael Steenkamer, Naval Sea Logistics Center; John Metz, Naval Ammunition Logistics Center; and Ann Wise and Luann Russell, NAVICP.

The Infrastructure Team serves as guardian of the base Telecommunications Infrastructure, authorizing use, upgrade and acquisition.



Infrastructure modernization...

Installation employees and vendor representatives involved in a recent Information Technology-related project include, seated left to right, Yvonne Whisenant, Ruth Cover, Luann Russell, and Ann Wise. Standing, first row, from left, are John Reese, John Conrad (Bell Atlantic), John Smith (Northeast Networking), Greg Wert, and Dave Rowley (Bell Atlantic). Standing, back row, from left, are Rick Faust, Gary Steele, Jim



Collins (Bell Atlantic), and Jim Krahe (Zottola Construction). At right, construction workers install a 14-ton underground manhole along "J" street between buildings 309 and 310. This manhole has 12 inner ducts through which copper and fiber cables will run. Zottola workers core drilled through rock for two days to prepare the ground for the manhole installation. Average core drilling takes 2-3 hours. See story.

Ads

- · Need ride from Millersburg to base & back, will pay for gas, hours flexible. Bill, X7536.
- · Join our car pool, drive once a week, Newville area, 4-10 hours 6-4:30. RDO Mondays. Paul, X4994.
- · Need ride bet. base & River House Apts., 2311 N. Front, Hbg. Will pay for gas. Hours flexible. Phil, X6183.

WANTED

- 8 HP Troybilt tiller. 469-0231 after 5.
- Inexpensive aluminum 12' extension ladder, 6' step ladder & inhouse step stool. 732-5675.
- Need lunch time transportation from bldg. 309 to grocery store. Will pay for gas. Phil, X6183.
- Inexpensive SCSI-2 card w/ 25 pin external connector; PCI slot preferred. 790-0698.

FOR SALE

· Double bed, chest of drawers,

mirrored make-up table/bench, old stuff, \$365. 737-7212

- · Jane Fonda manual treadmill, like new. Pd. \$550, asking \$75. 766-
- · RCA VR 295 stereo VCR, new belts, etc; Andersen picture window, 53x57. 838-8774.
- Chevy '88 IROC Camaro, 350 TPI engine w/400 R7 auto trans. \$1,000. 766-4561 or 731-1150 after 5.
- · Water bed, \$50, good cond.; Stepper-free; Trek beachcomber, \$75; Princess House, \$15/set. 245-2195.
- Mulcher/shredder, leaf & tree limbs, Toro, seldom used, Pd \$1100, sell \$550; 2 oil tanks, \$125. 243-7209.
- · '92 KAW-Valcan 750, 1,700 orig. mi, showroom cond., runs same, many accessories, \$4,000/OBO, 582-7401.
- Murray boy's 21" 10 spd. bike,
- \$35. 528-8898. Color 27" floor model TV, 40 channel, \$75/OBO. 957-4354
- · Barbie twin sz. bed quilt, dust ruffle, sheet set, pillow, curtains, 2 complete sets, clock, good cond. \$75. 921-3249.
- '87 Audi, 91K mi., exc. cond.,

\$2,500. 774-2582.

- '88 19' Welcraft cuddy sport boat, sleeps 2, 165 hp i/o Merc cruiser, Eagle trailer, \$7,200. 274-9821 after 6. Dryer, exc. cond., bought for apt. but not needed, relatively new. 789-
- 13" color TV, exc. cond., \$50. 697-4907.
- · 2 window fans, intake exhaust, 2 spd., Duracraft, sell for \$10 each.
- · '97 Saturn SL2, 99,500 mi., fully loaded, new insp., \$6,500/OBO. 764-
- '95 Jeep Cherokee Country 4.0 liter, AC/PS/PB/PW/PM, 86K mi., exc. cond., garage kept; \$11,000. 691-8086.
- '85 Chevy S-10 for parts or whole, motor & transmission, \$350; bed liner \$75, 246-0330
- Shermans Dale: 1 acre wooded lot, std. septic, trailer, good well! Will consider sales agreement, \$45,000. 582-2267.

311 cafeteria reopens

The building 311 cafeteria reopened for business Aug. 2.

The hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The 311 cafeteria had been closed for major renovations.

Work included installation of a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system for the cafeteria, kitchen and office along with new exhaust hoods, including fans and ductwork for all kitchen equipment.

Also, new entrances and exits were added along with renovation of existing exits.

Additionally, asbestos-containing wallboard, ceiling board, and floor tile was removed and replaced along with lead-based paint. Upgrades also included a new sprinkler system and fire alarm.

Navy christens USNS Watkins

By OASD (Public Affairs)

SAN DIEGO (Navy Wire Service) - On July 28, the Navy christened its newest roll-on/ roll-off cargo ship, USNS Watkins (T-AKR 315) during a ceremony at National Steel and Shipbuilding, San Diego.

The ship was named USNS

Watkins to honor Army Master Sgt. Travis E. Watkins, (1920-1950), who was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for his gallant leadership when an overwhelming enemy force broke through and isolated 30 men from his unit in Korea from Aug. 31 to Sept. 3, 1950.

Combined Federal Campaign

Sept. 18 golf tournament to benefit upcoming CFC

A golf tournament benefiting the upcoming Combined Federal Campaign will be held Sept. 18 rain or shine at Carlisle Barracks Golf Course.

The tournament is being set up to bring together representatives from the various federal offices participating in this year's drive for friendly competition and to raise awareness of the CFC.

Participants are expected to include golfers from area post offices, Carlisle Barracks, New Cumberland, and the Naval Support Activity.

The tournament registration and lunch will begin at 11 a.m. Tee time is set for 1 p.m. The format will be a four-golfer scramble.

Cost is \$55 per person, which includes greens fees, cart, and

Only a limited number of reservations are available. For a preregistration form, contact Jan. Derk, Ext. 7402.

Completed forms are due Aug. 18. Make checks payable to United Way/CFC.

Hole sponsorships also are available.

The Mechanicsburg Supplier will publish free listings of personal items and services for sale by personnel of the naval and defense activities at Mechanicsburg, provided such items and services represent an incidental exchange between personnel on the installation and not business operations. Ads are limited to 15 words, one to an employee, and are due in NAVSUP Public Affairs Office, Code 09PA, Bldg. 309, prior to noon Monday, Aug. 14. All ads must be submitted on ad coupons and must be signed. Additionally, your signature below signifies that housing offered for sale is available on a nondiscriminatory basis. Extensions may be used on car pool ads only. For all others, use your home phone number. Ads are printed on a space available basis. Submitted by _____

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ITT update

The Information, Tickets and Tours Office invites you to have fun with your co-workers Aug. 16 at its Summer Fling.

Picnic and enjoy music by Big Tubba Mista.

Participation is free to this celebration at the north end of building 310 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your lunch or purchase a meal ticket in advance for \$1 for a meal that includes a cheese steak hoagie, pasta salad, apple, ice cream cup, and soda.

Time is running out to purchase your ticket at the ITT Office, from an ITT rep, or at the Gear Locker. No bulk orders will be accepted. Only two tickets per employee will be accepted at the event.

Office hours

The ITT Office in building 310 is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Its hours on Mondays and Fridays are 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

News from NSA

Congratulations to LCDR Mike Weaver and his wife on the birth of son Nathan Ezra on July 5.

News from the DECC

Condolences to Scott Duttera of the Open Systems Branch, WE244, on the recent death of his sister.

Congratulations to Heather Templin and husband, Gary, on the birth of their first child, Gary III on July 23. Heather works in Customer Service, WE211.

Best wishes to Ruth Carbaugh who left the Networking Section, WE2313, for a new position at Chambersburg.

If you have news for this column, please send an e-mail to Barb Quinn, DECC WE2.

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- Aug. 14 Deadline for Aug. 18 Supplier, noon. POC: Barb Pearce, X3565.
- Aug. 15-17 Defense Enterprise Computing Center Customer Conference. See Page 5.
- Aug. 16 9th annual ITT Summer Fling. See ITT story.
- Aug. 18 Almech Golf League Tournament. POC: Dave Czarnecki, X4944. See story this page.
- Aug. 28 Deadline for Sept. 1 Supplier, noon. POC: Barb Pearce, X3565.
- Sept. 4 Labor Day
- Sept. 9 NYC Do-As-Please Day, \$25/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office.
- Sept. 12&14 Adult Patient CPR Classes, 2-4:30 p.m., bldg. 205, south end. To register, call Clarence Souders, X6132, or send him an e-mail.
- Sept. 13 Multicultural Day. See Page 4.
- Sept. 14 POW/MIA Remembrance Day Program, 10:15 a.m., bldg. 310, north end. POC: Robin Wilt, X1343.
- Sept. 14 Mechanicsburg Officers' Spouses' Club Welcome Coffee. POC: businger@earthlink.net.
- Sept. 15 Penn National Race & Buffet, \$15.75/person. Dinner buffet at 6:30 p.m. features carved top round of beef and more. Doors open 6 p.m. Post time: 7:30 p.m. Price includes buffet, clubhouse admission, and official racing program. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office.
- Sept. 15 Oct. 15 National Hispanic Heritage Month
- Sept. 17 Mechanicsburg Officers' Spouses' Club social. POC: businger@earthlink.net.
- Sept. 18 CFC Golf Tournament. See Page 7.
- Sept. 18 Air Force Birthday
- Sept. 22 Golf Tournament benefiting Children's Christmas Party sponsored by Mechanicsburg Federal Employees Leadership Assn., Cedar Ridge, \$40/golfer. POC: Dave Czarnecki, X4944.
- Sept. 23 Bloomsburg Fair w/Neal McCoy, \$33/\$29/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office.
- Sept. 27 Almech 11th annual Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. If you are interested in playing, contact one of the following coaches: Harry Kelso, FMSO, X4084; Janice Derk, NAVSUP, X7402; LCDR Christi Jones, military, X6325; or Chris Salvatore, NAVICP, X4548.
- Oct. 9 Potomac Mills Outlet Shopping, \$15/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office.
- Oct. 14 "Aida," NYC Day, \$102.50/person. A \$75/person dep. is required at sign up in ITT Office.
- Nov. 14-16 Naval Logistics Conference, "High Yield & Precision Logistics," Marriott Waterside, Norfolk, Va. Conducted by ASNE and SOLE with the Navy and Marine Corps. Visit www.nlc2000.org.
- Dec. 17 "A Christmas Carol" & time in D.C., \$47.50/person. Payment required at sign up in ITT Office.

All along the NAVICP line

Sympathy is extended to Susan Holtzinger of Logistics Support on the death of her father, Vere Lehman Sr.

If you have news for this column, please send an e-mail to Barbara Pearce in NAVSUP.

19th Holers lead league

The Almech Golf League heads into the final month of the season with the 19th Holers having the best record.

Stan Doyle's team has overcome an early slump and now claims the top spot in the Gold Division while the Ed Nahasled Strokers and Gary Lichty's Sprayers are in close pursuit.

In the Blue Division the Odd Balls, led by Jeff Peiffer, are clinging to first place in spite of a charge by the Swingers.

With four weeks left in the season anything can happen and no one is guaranteed to make the playoffs

The July tournament for the Almech Golf League was held at Hidden Valley. Ninety-one golfers played on a perfect summer's day. Denny Burch won low gross honors with a 74, and Sharon Cosgrove's 83 was the best score for the 10 women who played that day.

Winning the various flights for the tournament were Neal Bressler, Dan Abel, Rod Klinger, and Joe Fetsko.

Closest to the pin winners were Joe McCollum, Bob Pusti, Eric Peters, and Jack Heinold.

The next Almech Golf League tournament will be held Friday, Aug. 18, at Mountain Valley, a challenging course with tight fairways, sloping greens, and enough hazards to claim many an errant shot.

For info and tee time, contact Dave Czarnecki, Ext. 4944.